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FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Friday 8th
May 2026



Important Dates:

- Year 7 Parents Evening - 22 June 2026 - further information to follow
- During any Industrial action, school closed to Years 7,8,9 & 10 – Open to Y11 every day.

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guided by Christ'

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Year 11 – updates

Year 11 students have worked really well this week and attended as many lessons as possible during the three days of industrial action. Students completed supervised self-study and showed great resilience and maturity.

Year 11 Leavers Day – has been moved to Friday 12th June. After the chemistry exam students will be able to have some quality time with each other, including a leavers liturgy, to mark the end of their time at St. John Houghton.

Booster timetable – this is updated weekly the link to this is: <https://www.stjohnhoughtonilkeston.srscmat.co.uk/curriculum/gcse-exams/>

Next Week

Due to ongoing Industrial action school is closed to students in Year 7 to 10 on Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday. Open for ALL Year 11 everyday all day. Please see separate letter to Parents/Carers.

Teachers that are in school (*and this may vary from day to day*) will be offering a **Live Teams lessons to all of their classes**. A meeting link will be sent to your child's school email – so please ask them to check each day.

FAQ's - In response to a number of enquiries see the information below:

"We want to make it clear that, contrary to some rumours that are circulating, Saint John Houghton Catholic Voluntary Academy is not closing. The school continues to play an important role in the community, and its long-term future is supported by the fact that it has been selected as part of the Government's School Rebuilding Programme, which represents a significant investment in its facilities and infrastructure." (SRSCMAT)

Mr Brogan continues to support St. Benedict's school in Derby – Mrs Hartharn has stepped up to be Acting Head for the time being.

Garde ta Foi! Guard your Faith!
Mrs Christina Hartharn
Acting Headteacher

Our next full newsletter will be Friday 22nd May. We will be issuing a Parent bulletin instead on the 15th May.

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SCHOOL NEWS

Nut Allergies:

We have several students within school who have severe nut allergies. We aim to be a nut free school and kindly remind parents/carers and students that nuts and food containing nuts must not be brought into School.



Change to lesson times during the GCSE exam period:

Due to the GCSE exams, the school day will revert to the following times to support the timings of the exams, this will apply to the whole school and students will be made aware, the below timings will run:

8.45 - 9.10am - Registration

9.10-10.10am - Period 1

10.10-11.10am - Period 2

11.10-11.30 am- Break

11.30am-12.30pm - Period 3

12.30- 1.15pm - Lunch

1.15-2.15pm - Period 4

2.15pm - 3.15pm - Period 5

3.15pm - End of day

This change will start on Monday 11 May 2026 and will run until Monday 15 June 2026.

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USEFUL LINKS

Safeguarding concerns please email safeguarding@sjh.srscmat.co.uk

Homework :

<https://www.stjohnhoughtonilkeston.srscmat.co.uk/curriculum/homework/>

School lunch menus:

<https://www.stjohnhoughtonilkeston.srscmat.co.uk/students/school-meals/>

Free School Meals: Derbyshire -

<https://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/education/schools/your-child-atschool/meals/school-meals/free-school-meals.aspx>

Link to School Calendar:

<https://www.stjohnhoughtonilkeston.srscmat.co.uk/news/calendar>

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DATES FOR THE DIARY

2025-2026 School holidays and Inset days:

May half term	Monday 25 – Friday 29 May 2026
Inset Day 5	Friday 3 July 2026
Last day of term	Thursday 23 July 2026

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2026-2027 School holidays and Inset Days:

Inset day 1	Friday 4 September 2026
Inset day 2	Monday 7 September 2026
Years 7 & 11 return to school	Tuesday 8 September 2026
All years return to school	Wednesday 9 September 2026
October half term	Monday 26 - Friday 30 October 2026
Inset day 3	Friday 27 November 2026
Christmas holidays	Monday 21 December 2026 – Friday 1 January 2027
February half term	Monday 15 – Friday 19 February 2027
Inset Day 4 (Trust)	Monday 22 February 2027
Easter holidays	Friday 26 March – Friday 9 April 2027
May half term	Monday 31 May – Friday 4 June 2027
All years finish school	Friday 23 July 2027
Inset Day 5	Monday 26 July 2027